

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Rewrite allowable claim 12 as an independent claim, including limitations of original claims 1 and 11.
2. Amend the dependencies of claims 2 – 3, 7 – 10 to be dependent upon rewritten independent claim 12.
3. Rewrite allowable claim 35 as an independent claim, including limitations of original claims 27 and 34.
4. Amend the dependencies of claims 28, 32 – 33 to be dependent upon rewritten independent claim 35.
5. Editorially amend dependent claim 15.
6. Cancel claims 1, 11, 20 – 26, 27, 34, and 43 – 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.
7. Request a three month extension of time.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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